

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the objections to the claims, specification and drawings previously provided in the August 24, 2005 Office Action, and for again indicating that claims 2 and 26 contain allowable subject matter.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 1 and 25 were amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claims 2 and 26, and dependent claims 2 and 26 are cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, because the Examiner has indicated these claims would be in condition for allowance, such action is respectfully solicited.

Applicants also respectfully request allowance of depending claims 3-25, 27-48 and 70-73.

Additionally, Applicants have cancelled claims 49-69, 74 and 75 without prejudice.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims 1, 3-25, 27-48 and 70-73 are in condition for allowance. In the event that the application is not deemed in condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in an effort to advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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